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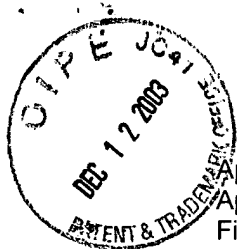
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### RESPONSE

Sir,

In response to the Office Communication mailed on December 2, 2003, for which the time to respond has been extended to December 22, 2003 by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicant hereby elects copolymer of butyl acrylate, styrene and gamma-methacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane as the silanol group containing polymer.

If there are any issues that the Examiner wishes to discuss, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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